

Appendix 4 – DfE Scorecards

1 Introduction

- 1.1 DfE Scorecards display a snapshot of the progress each local authority across England is making towards ensuring there are sufficient, good quality, school places.
- 1.2 There are five metrics:
- Pupil forecast accuracy
 - Preference
 - Quantity
 - Quality
 - Cost

2 Pupil forecast accuracy

- 2.1 The overall aim for forecasts is to be within 1% of the actual number on roll.
- 2.2 The one year ahead forecast compares actual numbers on roll in 2022/23 with forecasts of pupil numbers for 2022/23 made one year previously (in SCAP 2022).
- 2.3 The two year ahead forecast accuracy compares actual pupil numbers on roll with forecasts of pupil numbers for 2022/23 made two years previously (in SCAP 2021) by local authority).

Primary

- One year ahead: +0.0% (Better than England average -0.4%)
- Two years ahead: -0.9% (Below England average -0.6%)

Secondary

- One year ahead: +0.3% (Higher than England average +0.2%)
- Two years ahead: +0.1% (Better than England average +0.4%)

3 Preference

- 3.1 The percentage of applicants who received an offer of one of their top three preferred schools.

Primary

- September 2023 entry: 99% (Better than England average 98.3%)
- September 2022 entry: 97.7% (Below England average 98.1%)

Secondary

- September 2023 entry: 94.9% (Better than England average 94.1%)
- September 2022 entry: 93.1% (Below England average 94.4%)

4 Quantity

Primary

- Change in primary pupil numbers 2009/10 to 2022/23: +21.9%
- Current percentage of unfilled primary places 2021/22: 7.4%
- Anticipated change in primary pupil numbers 2022/23 to 2024/25: -1.0%*

Secondary

- Change in secondary pupil numbers 2009/10 to 2022/23: +11.7%
- Current percentage of unfilled secondary places 2021/22: 12.6%
- Anticipated change in secondary pupil numbers 2022/23 to 2024/25: +5.9%*

*These do not take account of recent increases in migration in Medway.

5 Quality

5.1 The percentage of new places created in good and outstanding schools between 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Primary

- New places created in good and outstanding primary schools in Medway: 100%
- New places created in good and outstanding primary schools in England: 94.7%

Secondary

- New places created in good and outstanding secondary schools in Medway: NA
- New places created in good and outstanding secondary schools in England: 87.5%

6 Cost

6.1 The average cost of additional mainstream school places, based on local authority reported projects between 2015/16 and 2017/18.

6.2 There is no local authority level data available for this period. The average costs for England and the South East are:

Primary – cost per place

- New school
 - England - £23,192
 - South East - £26,207
- Permanent Expansion
 - England - £19,425
 - South East - £21,950

- Temporary expansion
 - England - £9,184
 - South East - £10,378

Secondary – cost per place

- New school
 - England - £28,096
 - South East - £31,749
- Permanent Expansion
 - England - £26,717
 - South East - £30,190
- Temporary expansion
 - England - £10,310
 - South East - £11,650

7 Further information

- 7.1 The full scorecard is available online at <https://department-for-education.shinyapps.io/la-school-places-scorecards>